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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), is filed in response to the Office Action mailed and made final on December 26, 2006. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for response to June 26, 2007. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2638 with the three-month extension fee and any other fees associated with this Amendment and RCE. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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